

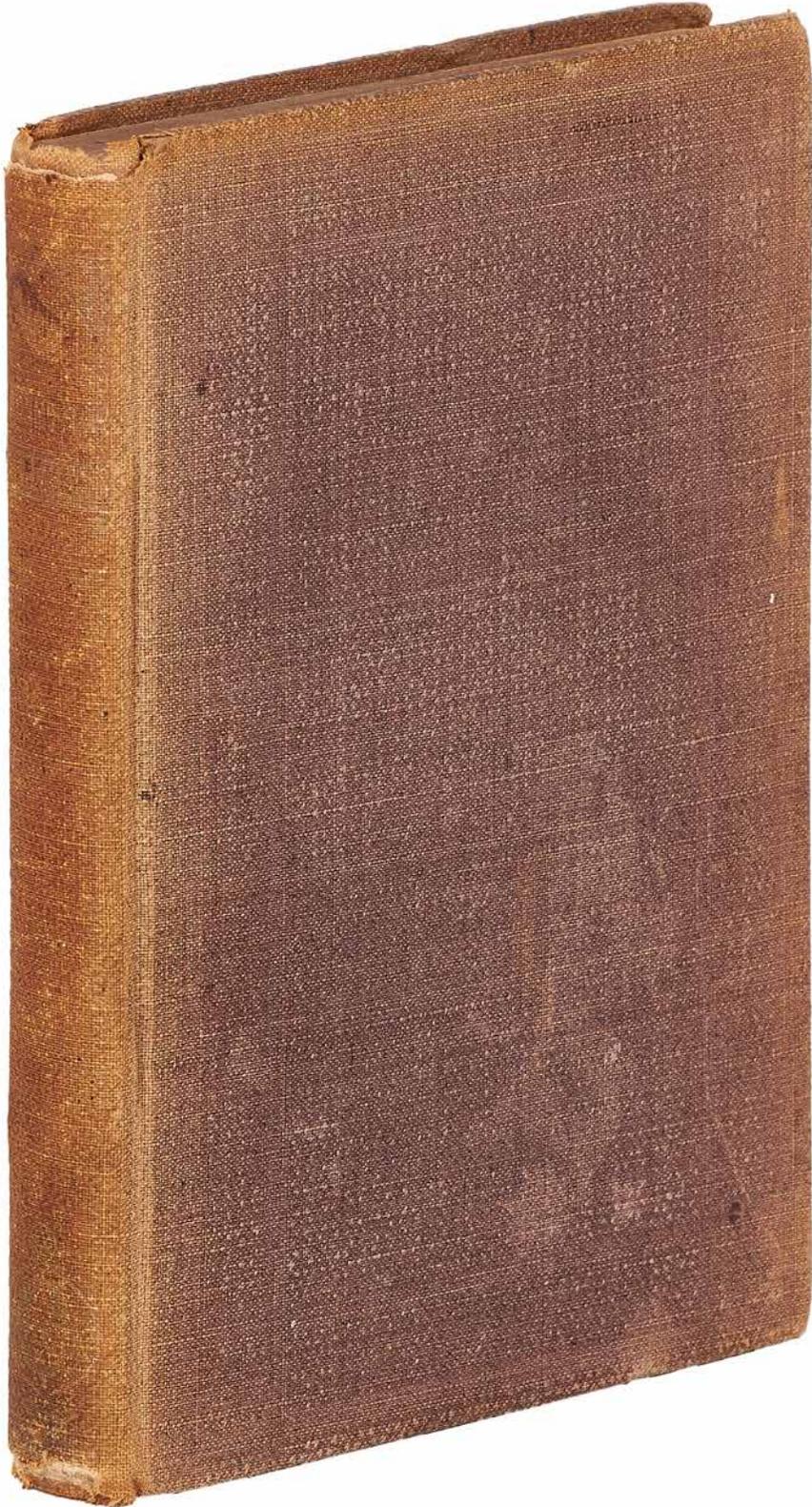
Presented to Fitz Hugh Ludlow

Edmund C. Stedman

Alice of Monmouth: An Idyl of the Great War with other Poems

New York: Carleton, Publisher 1864

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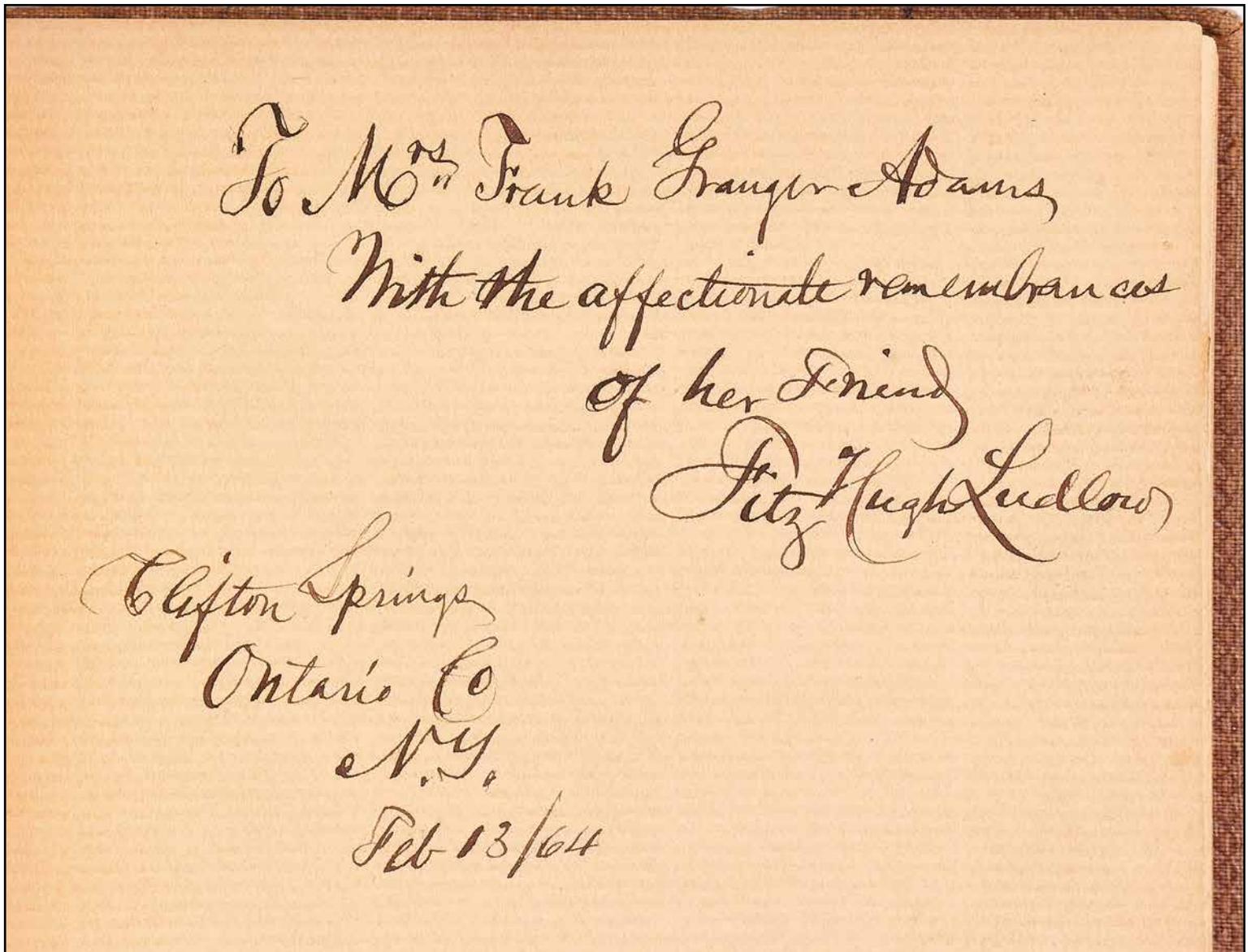


First edition, trade binding (no known priority). Octavo. 151pp. Purple cloth. Spine sunned and cloth worn down at the spine ends, light stains on the boards, a flawed but sound and attractive very good copy. Tipped into the book is a two-page Autograph Letter Signed from Stedman to Ludlow dated in November 18, 1863 informing him that he has addressed him a copy of this book at A. Roman's bookstore in San Francisco and asking him to send any reviews that he sees in the San Francisco papers. In a postscript Stedman asks Ludlow to "Give my love to Artemus Ward."

Additionally this copy is re-gifted and Inscribed by Ludlow on the first blank: "To Mrs. Frank Granger Adams, With the affectionate remembrances of her friend Fitz Hugh Ludlow. Clifton Springs, Ontario Co. N.Y. Feb. 13/64." Additionally the book has been Inscribed on the titlepage by Ludlow's young (and reportedly beautiful and flirtatious) wife: "Rosalie Ludlow to her much esteemed friend Mrs. Adams. Feb. 13th 1864. Clifton Spa, Water Cure."

Stedman was an american polymath, an important scientist, as well as a poet and essayist. Ludlow was best-known for his autobiography *The Hasheesh Eater*. After the success of that book in 1857, Ludlow became a vital part of the New York literary scene where he socialized with Stedman, Ward, Walt Whitman, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, and others. He wrote in many genres, but was well-known for his travel literature, where he traveled to the West with the painter Albert Bierstadt. Ludlow wrote mostly about California, Utah, and the West, where he befriended the young writer Samuel Clemens. He died young at age 34 in 1870, in part at least because of his drug addiction, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. Rosalie and Fitz Hugh Ludlow divorced in 1866, reportedly because of their multiple and mutual infidelities. A few months after the divorce Rosalie married Albert Bierstadt.

An interesting multiple association copy. *BAL 18573* records the earliest presentation copy as appearing three days later on November 21, 1863. [BTC#420580]



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of her friend
Fitz Hugh Ludlow

Clifton Springs
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My dear Fitz:

I wrote you the other
day. Am so hurried this A.M.
that I'm only time to say I
send you a copy of my new
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& Co's — book store. It has

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